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DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder.

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St. Valentine's day is nearly here.

The Text Book bill is again attracting attention. Let it rest.

Some how or other we would like to see the anti-option bill go through.

If any one believes that our town is not alive and wide awake a few recent nights here would have convinced him that he was wrong.

Hon. Joe F. Brown has introduced a bill providing for a poll tax based to some extent upon the number of acres of land a man owns. Better go slow on that bill Uncle Joe.

The vote by the 23 Legislature for United States Senator was as follows: In the Senate for R. Q. Mills 29; T. L. Nugent 1. In the House R. Q. Mills 114; T. L. Nugent 8; Caney 1.

A few weeks ago the News said Mills would be elected without opposition and it really turned out that way.

We have received at this office the First Annual report of the Railroad Commission. It is a good size book of about 350 pages. We guess it is a mighty fine thing and as far as we have studied in it we have failed to find anything wrong.

Four Territories together with Cuba, Canada and a few other small places are seeking admission into our Grand nation. Let them in, we have a plenty of office seekers and aspiring postmasters to fill all the places. Uncle Sam can supply the whole shebang.

The Alien land law is being reshaped. Get it up in the right shape and it will be a good thing. But it is kinder like throwing a seven foot pole up in an apple tree full of apples, for the purpose of knocking a certain ripe one. In order to get the good one there is danger of spoiling a great many that would soon be good. But the good one is there all the same. So with the land law bill.

San Saba County has beauties and advantages that the home seekers cannot resist. When the railroad comes we will have one of the best and most thriving all-round counties in Texas.

Velasco seems to have the drop on Galveston. The Velasco World says that a ship that could not get to Galveston steamed up to Velasco and unloaded.

Some of our exchanges are advocating dividing our Great State into two or more States. Better ask East Texas' consent first.

Our railroad committee, composed of Messrs W. B. Doren, L. L. Stone, Russell and Allison left here Wednesday for Llano, at which place they will meet with like committees from Llano, Fredericksburg, Boerne, Brownwood and San Antonio, relative to a joint action on the part of the above named places for the purpose of securing the Fort Worth and Rio Grande extension. There is business in this kind of a move, and we predict great, good and lasting results from the joint actions of these committees. Railroads are not built for fun but for business purposes. The owners of the road like to see the citizens along the prospective routes full of energy and enterprise, acting in unison and on business principles, just like the above. Listen for the results.

Last Saturday we were fitted out with a "blooded team" from the immense Livery Stable establishment owned and operated by Messrs. W. R. Doran & Sons, and quite early in the morning were on our way to the Teachers Association at Richland Springs. All along the road we noticed new residences, new farms opened up and new lands cleared, ready for cultivation. Not yet four years ago, when we first travel that road, as well as we remember there were not more than six residences between San Saba and Richland, but now the traveler of that beautiful road is at all times in sight of a residence and frequently has a view of six or eight at the same time. The improvements along the road are simply wonderful, but they bespeak the enterprise and industry of our people. The broad and fertile farms hitherto wastes but now inviting agriculture bespeak the resources of our county. And Richland is not behind in the steady race of progress. The first time we visited Richland it rather had the appearance of an old, deserted, dilapidated town. But now the spirit of enterprise reigns supreme. We note with pride the many new dwellings, new stores and above all a handsome school building two stories high, newly finished and furnished throughout with elegant school furniture. This school with an enrollment of 150 pupils is presided over by Prof. B. Reagan, assisted by Miss Annie Reagan and Miss Roxie Taylor. Among those doing business there we found:

Johnson Bros.—dry goods.
R. A. Chapman—drugs.
J. A. Smith—grocery.
N. C. Brown & Bro.—grocery.
Mr. Greko—blacksmith.
J. R. Amis—mill.
J. J. Carter—postmaster.
J. M. Burleson—physician.
After the morning session of the Institute the good citizens came to the schoolhouse and invited the visitors to partake of the hospitality of their respective homes. It was our good fortune to fall in with our old friend N. C. Brown, who took us to his cozy little cottage where his good lady had prepared just such a dinner as this scribe calls a feast. Of course others had the good luck we had. The people of Richland as we have always found them are ever social and hospitable.

Hon. James G. Blaine died Jan. 24th. In his death our nation loses its ablest Statesman.

Brownwood is an applicant for the location of one of the new courts of civil appeals, and Brownwood has just lots of push and vim.

A bill has been introduced providing for public warehouses for the purpose of storing grain, cotton and other products. This seems to be a kind of an improved sub-treasury plan.

It is now said that hoop skirts are again coming into fashion, but on carefully considering the question we doubt if it will prevail as a fashion again. Because these hoop skirts would somewhat be awkward for the lady bicyclists, in promiscuous the man would have to keep his distance and then they would seriously be in the way in round-dancing, hence we doubt that they will ever be in use again.

Bring your Job Printing to the News Office.

Dark Corner Musings.

Ed. News.—Not having seen anything in your paper from this part of the Moral Vineyard, I will write up a few dots to let the readers of the News know that Dark Corner is emerging from darkness into light, and is still the most progressive part of San Saba county.

W. L. Hayes and son, John, have returned from their ranch in Crockett county, where they have been staying for the past year.

The little son of Austin Latham has been seriously ill with pneumonia; but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Vaughn, is now convalescent.

L. P. Bedwell and family who have been residents of our county for the past two years have returned to Llano, their former home.

Rev. Cleudin, our new pastor, for this year, preached here last Sunday to a large congregation. All seemed to be well pleased.

The young people enjoyed a pleasant social this week at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hays. We hope for another soon.

Our school is progressing finely, under the efficient teaching of Prof. Wooten.

Miss Dolly Hays is teaching music at Brown's school house, in McCulloch county. We congratulate the people on securing the services of such an efficient teacher.

Mr. James Latham is having his farm enlarged from two acres to twenty. We hope he will have as much success with his twenty acres in cultivation, as he formerly did with his two.

Dr. Baze, of Mason, was among the visitors to Dark Corner last week; but we are at a loss to know whether his visit was of a tender nature or as this place is becoming noted as a health resort, the Dr. might have come for that purpose.

We have often heard of "hen parties" but "rooster parties" are now the order of the day. One given at the residence of Mr. Albert Hayes on last Friday night, was attended by a number of young gentlemen but neither pellets nor hens were present. "Dance on ye Lords of creation."

Mr. Lamar bought several car loads of hogs from W. S. Latham and others and paid three and three and a half cents gross.

Beef buyers are numerous. Plowing is now the order of the day since the snow.

Mr. Riley Latham visited Pontotoc Sunday. We won't tell Riley, who you spent the afternoon with.

Richard Hayes visited Mason the past week.

A. A. Latham and others have been hauling bones to Llano for which they have found a ready sale, receiving from eight to ten dollars per ton.

J. L. Latham has been erecting a new building on one of his farms to be occupied by Mr. Williams. Mr. Editor if this is published you will hear from us again.

SAN SABA COUNTY.

Ed. News.—As the country increased in population, cotton, rye, fruits and every farm and orchard product, produced in the Temperate Zone was planted, and when the harvest time came yielded an abundant harvest.

Of the irrigable lands of San Saba county the larger portion is of a rich loam; this is the case in the valley of the Colorado River, of the greater part of the northern part of the county, of large sections in her southern part and of a small portion of the up lands in her central part.

The remainder of the arable land is of a rich black alluvial soil. This soil is to be found almost throughout the valley of the San Saba river, and the valleys of most of its branches. The two soils, just mentioned, are from two to eighteen feet in depth and in many instances even deeper. The truth is that it is by no means a rare thing to see it thirty feet deep. These soils, as a general thing, have a clay foundation, which is the secret of our lands withstanding droughts so well. As regards the strength of the two, it is evident that the black is the stronger, though harder to cultivate. There are farms in the county that have been in cultivation for over twenty years, and will and do now produce from forty to fifty bushels of corn per acre, and other farm products in proportion. And all of this without fertilizers of any kind. The department of agriculture, called farming, was for almost two years (1890-91), almost paralyzed. But the abundant rains of the winter of 1892 and from that time on have given it an energy and robustness of life that it never had before. Indian corn and oats grow in San Saba county to perfection.

San Saba has both the soil and the climate adapted to fruits, but the chief among them is the grape. This county is specially adapted to grapes. As fine specimens of this fruit are grown here (and that too, with so little effort on the part of the raiser) as the world has ever seen. The day is not far distant when the world will know this fact and avail itself of its benefits. Every variety of fruit that has been tried produces the very best results. As to peaches and grapes, a few short years will find San Saba a successful rival of California.

Farming has been put at the head of the agricultural list though stockraising belongs at the head, and is likely to remain so for a considerable time. During the early history of San Saba her citizens were mostly devoted to the live stock business. With the finest range in the world and a favorable climate, stock of all kinds remained fat the year round. Such a thing as having a shelter or feeding stock was never dreamed of. Though grass was free and plentiful there was one drawback, the Indians. These roving rascals stole horses and killed cattle whenever they felt like it. It was no uncommon occurrence for one to be set a foot, the Indians stealing all his horses. "Times have changed!" We have neither the Indians or the free grass now. The country is covered with a net work of wire fences. We have not so many stock as we once had, but they are of a better breed. The "short horn" has to a great extent succeeded the "longhorn," and blooded horses are succeeding the Spanish plays. About the year 1878, Rice Sloan introduced into the county from Missouri, a number of Durham cattle. Others have since followed his example, and at present we have a good grade of cattle in San Saba. We have a superior grade of sheep and good grade of horses, asses and goats. That every man's friend, the hog, grows almost spontaneously. For a number of years every man put forth his every effort to increase the size of his herds, no matter what quality the grade might be. This, they have since found to have been an error: their motto now is, fewer stock and better stock.

The following is from the tax-rolls of 1890: Land val \$546,062 city and town property, val \$139,055; carriages, etc., val \$32,844; manufacturers tools, machinery val \$11,672; horses and mules, No 11,065, val \$234,232; cattle 56,406, val \$294,582; jacks and jennies 43, val \$3,755; sheep 55,614, val \$88,804; goats 3673, val \$1,688; goods,

wares and merchandise val \$48,827; money on hand \$24,429; miscellaneous \$168,468; total taxable valuation \$2,606,582; tax levied \$22,487.87.

More than one half of the county's total area contains valuable minerals. Yet these vast beds of wealth remain undisturbed.

Experts claim that we have an inexhaustible deposit of the best quality. The main deposits extend through the southern portion of the county.

Building stone. The valuable deposits of building stone in this county are absolutely inexhaustible. First: Granite of several varieties, all of which are very tough and will take a fine polish. Then second: Marble. This is beautifully variegated and of exceeding fine quality. Dr. A. Gregg furnished some excellent specimens at the Spring Palace. The southern part of the county abounds in the last named stone as well as granite. Third: Sandstone. This stone is to be found in almost all parts of the county, but the best quality is to be found in the eastern section of the county. This stone varies in color from a deep red-brown to a light mahogany. It is specially adapted for any kind of building purpose because it is easily worked and yet strong enough to resist any amount of pressure. It makes beautiful fronts and trimmings. Fourth: Texas marble. It extends centrally through the county in ledges and on the surface of the earth. It is white, tinged with brown in color, is very heavy, hard and the better grades of it are tough. Now comes the strange part: San Saba's lime is nearly all or quite all burned from it, yet it is excellent for furnaces and fire places. Though called Texas marble it is nothing but hard limestone. Fifth: Post Oak stone. It ranges from a molasses brown to an almost white in color, and has various degrees of hardness. A common nail may be very readily driven into some of it, while some of it is very hard. It can be found with a sameness of hardness and is easily worked having no grit in it. It is one of the very best building stones in Texas. However it is confined to certain sections of San Saba. The most extensive quarry of it is in the Rock Shoals neighborhood, on the right bank of the San Saba river.

LEMON SQUEEZER.
BOWSER.

Having seen nothing from this part of the county dotted in the News, will try and give you a few of the many good things of Bowser.

G. R. Amos has purchased the store at this place, and is getting a fine trade worked up.

Mrs. Muse, of Caldwell County, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Hanna.

Our school at this place is progressing nicely. We can boast of having the best school that has ever been taught in the district.

The teacher O. E. Rice, is doing all in his power to promote the interest of the school.

J. M. Dobbins has been doing some "rustling" work in the way of organ sales. That's right Jim, we need them in the country.

There is a report out that Mr. M. is going to change his way of living as soon as he gets that farm cleared.

Some of our people were in attendance at the Teacher's Association on the 28th inst. at Richland Springs.

The young people of this neighborhood enjoyed a pleasant time at Mrs. Garrett's on the eve of Jan. 27th.

Sim Whitted has employed an assistant to tend his sheep.

We would be glad to see all the communities in the county have a regular correspondent. Let us try to make our county paper "one of them." More next time.

COUSIN SAM.

The country newspaper is a power in the progress of Texas. It is the representative of the wishes, society, wants, advantages, progress and opportunities of its locality. The home seeker looks to its pages for honest information about the country.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 A. M.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.
BAPTIST—Sunday School every Sun-
day morning at half past 9 o'clock.

METHODIST—Sunday School at the
Christian church every Sunday morn-
ing at half past nine o'clock.

CATHOLIC—Father Milne will con-
duct services at the residence of Mr. Ed.
Campbell, the first Sunday in each alter-
nate month, beginning the first Sunday in
June, 1893.

Foreign Missionary, 1st Wednesday in
the month.

Juvenile Foreign Missionary, 1st Thurs-
day in the month.

Home Missionary, 2nd Wednesday in
the month.

Ladies Aid Society, 4th Wednesday in
the month.

Ladies of all denominations will find a
cordial welcome at these meetings.

SOCIETIES.

I.O.O.F. meets every Wednesday night
at 8 P. M.

K of H meets on the first and third
Tuesday night in each month at 8 P. M.

A. F. & A. M. meets on or before the first
full moon in each month at 8 P. M.

County Alliance meets on the first Fri-
day in January, April, July and October.

Ladies' Cemetery Association meets on
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